

Activity/Operator	Location	Date
Range Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-150 and 99-151.	Mustang Island Area, Block 847, Lease OCS-G 6011, 24 miles Offshore Kleberg County, Texas.	12/30/99

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Public Information Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Telephone (504) 736-2519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals which relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects.

Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where the MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the EA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

Dated: January 31, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Request for Information and Interest in a Commercial Sand and Gravel Lease Sale Offshore Northern New Jersey

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Change starting time for information meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The information meeting scheduled to be held in Bradley Beach, New Jersey, on February 28, 2000, will begin at 7:30 p.m., and not 7:00 p.m., as previously announced in the **Federal Register** at Vol. 65, No. 6, Page 1413, "Outer Continental Shelf Request for Information and Interest in a Commercial Sand and Gravel Lease Sale Offshore Northern New Jersey."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol A. Hartgen, Chief, International Activities and Marine Minerals Division, (703) 787-1300.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Announcement of Posting of Two Invitations for Bids on Natural Gas from Federal Properties in the Gulf of Mexico

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Invitations for Bids on Federal Royalty Gas.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service has posted on MMS's Internet Home Page, and will make available in hard copy, public competitive offerings of approximately 490,000 mmBtu per day of natural gas, to be taken as royalty-in-kind from Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico under two Invitations For Bids (IFB), Numbers MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-002, and MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-003.

**DATES:** The two IFBs were posted on MMS's Internet Home Page on January 21, 2000. Bids will be due to MMS at the posted receipt location on February 18, 2000. MMS will notify successful bidders on or about February 25, 2000. The Federal Government will begin actual taking of awarded royalty gas volumes for delivery to successful bidders for a 7-month period beginning on April 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The IFBs are posted on MMS's Home Page at <http://www.mms.gov> under the icon "What's New." The IFBs may also be obtained by

contacting Mr. Michael Del-Colle at the address in the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section. Bids should be submitted to the address provided in the IFBs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information on MMS's RIK pilots, contact Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4230, Washington DC 20240; telephone number (202) 208-3827; fax (202) 208-3918; e-mail [Bonn.Macy@mms.gov](mailto:Bonn.Macy@mms.gov). For additional information concerning the IFB document, terms, and process for Federal leases, contact Mr. Michael Del-Colle, Minerals Management Service, MS-2510, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4817; telephone number (703) 787-1375; fax (703) 787-1009; e-mail [Michael.Del-Colle@mms.gov](mailto:Michael.Del-Colle@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These offerings of natural gas continue MMS's RIK pilot program and will involve Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico. MMS's objective is to identify the circumstances in which taking oil and gas royalties as a share of production is a viable alternative to its usual practice of collecting oil and gas royalties as a share of the value received by the lessee for sale of the production.

IFB Number MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-002 offers approximately 280,000 mmBtu per day of natural gas from selected Federal properties located in the East Breaks, Garden Banks, High Island, East and West Cameron, and Vermillion areas of the Gulf of Mexico. This royalty gas flows through 88 facility measurement points (FMP's) on five pipeline systems—High Island/UTOS, ANR, Transco/NHIS, Pelican, and Stingray. This production was offered most recently October 8, 1999, under IFB No. RIK-2000-GOMR-001 for deliveries through March 31, 2000. Under terms of this new IFB, purchasers will, as before, take the royalty gas from these properties and locations near the lease and, in return, deliver a fixed daily volume of natural gas (based on monthly nominations) to the General Services Administration (GSA) at a specified location for GSA's use in managing supply commitments to Federal agency end users.

IFB Number MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-003 offers an additional natural gas volume of approximately 210,000 mmBtu per day from selected Federal properties in the East and West Cameron, Garden Banks, Vermilion,